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Title: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR CARDIAC VALUE REPAIR

The prior application is assigned of record to Evalve, Inc., a California corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

	<u>Pages</u>
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This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 10/635,776, filed August 5, 2003, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/544,930, filed April 7, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,629,534, which claimed the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/128,690, filed on April 9, 1999. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

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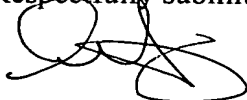
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